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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Hiroshi KAYAKIRI, et al.

: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :

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FOR: SULFONAMIDE COMPOUNDS AND PHARMACEUTICAL USE THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 13 and 14 as follows.

32 --13. (Amended) A method for treating a disease treatable based on a blood sugar level-depressing activity or a disease treatable based on a cGMP-PDE inhibiting activity, smooth muscle relaxing activity, bronchodilating activity, vasodilating activity, smooth muscle cell suppressing activity or antiallergic activity, comprising:

administering an effective amount of the sulfonamide compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a subject in need thereof.

14. (Amended) A method for producing a therapeutic agent comprising admixing the sulfonamide compound of claim 1 with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.--